

Claim Listing:

1. (currently amended) A yo-yo with a substantially frictionless bearing, selected from the group consisting of a ball bearing, a roller bearing, and a freely rotatable spool bearing having good lubricity, positioned between two separate halves of rotatable yo-yo members, said substantially frictionless bearing having a shallow concave outer surface contacting a yo-yo string that tends to urge the string towards the center of said substantially frictionless bearing while the string is winding around the bearing, yet allows some lateral movement of the string, enabling efficient performance of yo-yo string layering maneuvers.
2. (original) The yo-yo of claim 1 wherein said shallow concave outer surface constitutes a curve of a circle.
3. (original) The yo-yo of claim 2 wherein said shallow concave outer surface constitutes a curve of a circle having a radius of about 0.225 inches.
4. (original) The yo-yo of claim 1 wherein said substantially frictionless bearing constitutes a ball bearing.
5. (original) The yo-yo of claim 2 wherein said substantially frictionless bearing constitutes a ball bearing.
6. (original) The yo-yo of claim 3 wherein said substantially frictionless bearing constitutes a ball bearing.
7. (currently amended) A yo-yo with a substantially frictionless bearing, selected from the group consisting of a ball bearing, a roller bearing, and a freely rotatable spool bearing having good lubricity, positioned upon a spindle between two separate halves of rotatable yo-yo members, said substantially frictionless bearing having a smooth continuous outer concave surface for supporting a yo-yo string that tends to urge the string towards the center of the bearing while the string is winding around the bearing, yet allows some lateral movement of the string, enabling efficient performance of yo-yo string layering maneuvers.

8. (currently amended) The yo-yo of claim 7 wherein said smooth continuous outer concave surface ~~constituting~~ constitutes a curve of a circle.

9. (currently amended) The yo-yo of claim 8 wherein said ~~shallow concave outer race has a surface constituting a curve of a circle having~~ has a radius of about 0.225 inches.

10. (original) The yo-yo of claim 7 wherein said substantially frictionless bearing constitutes a ball bearing.

11. (original) The yo-yo of claim 8 wherein said substantially frictionless bearing constitutes a ball bearing.

12. (original) The yo-yo of claim 9 wherein said substantially frictionless bearing constitutes a ball bearing.

13. (currently amended) A yo-yo with a substantially frictionless bearing, positioned upon a spindle between two separate halves of rotatable yo-yo members, said substantially frictionless bearing having a smooth continuous outer concave surface, uninterrupted by the presence of a groove formed in said outer surface, for supporting a yo-yo string that tends to urge the string towards the center of the bearing while the string is winding around the bearing, yet allows some lateral movement of the string, enabling efficient performance of yo-yo string layering maneuvers- and wherein said smooth continuous outer concave surface constitutes a curve of a circle having a radius of about 0.225 inches.

Claims 14-15 cancelled.

16. (original) The yo-yo of claim 1 wherein said shallow concave outer surface contacting a yo-yo string is machined directly into a conventional ball bearing.

17. (original) The yo-yo of claim 2 wherein said shallow concave outer surface contacting a yo-yo string is machined directly into a conventional ball bearing.

18. (currently amended) The yo-yo of claim 7 wherein said ~~shallow~~ smooth continuous outer concave surface contacting a yo-yo string is machined directly into a conventional ball bearing.

19. (currently amended) The yo-yo of claim 13 wherein said smooth continuous outer concave surface contacting a yo-yo string is machined directly into a conventional ball bearing.

20. (currently amended) A method of enhancing efficient performance of yo-yo string layering maneuvers comprising supplying a yo-yo manufacturer with a substantially frictionless bearing, selected from the group consisting of a ball bearing, a roller bearing, and a freely rotatable spool bearing having good lubricity, configured to surround a

spindle positioned between two separate halves of rotatable yo-yo members, said substantially frictionless bearing having a shallow concave outer surface for contacting a yo-yo string that tends to urge the string towards the center of said substantially frictionless bearing while the string is winding around the bearing, yet allows some lateral movement of the string.

21. (new) The method of claim 20 wherein said substantially frictionless bearing consists of a ball bearing.